

DEATH DEALT  
BY GASOLINEMorgues and Hospitals Have  
Their Capacity Tested.

UNDERTAKERS KEPT BUSY

A Building in Cincinnati Blown Up  
When Full of People.

MANY DEAD BODIES RECOVERED

A Score of Injured Have Been Attended  
by Surgeons.

NO WAY TO ESTIMATE NUMBER OF DEAD

In the Building Blown Up There Was  
a Great Throng, Many of Whom  
Have Not Been Accounted For.

Cincinnati, May 4.—(Special.)—At 7:45

o'clock this evening a terrific explosion

occurred in Adolph Drach's saloon on

Walnut street, between Fourth and Fifth

streets, and immediately opposite the

Gibson house.

The building, a five-story brick, was

shattered to splinters.

The explosion shook large buildings for

squares, while hundreds of windows in

the Gibson house were broken and plate

glass windows on both sides of Walnut

street, the entire length of the square,

were shattered.

Scores of pedestrians were knocked from

their feet, while there were dozens of

run-away teams in the vicinity.

Ladies on Street Cars Fainted.

Several ladies were blown from the

track, and not less than twenty ladies

passengers on different cars fainted away

and were carried into the Gibson house and

adjoining places.

The electric light, telephone, and

trolley wires on the square were torn

down and, of course, the explosion was

followed immediately by darkness. A gen-

eral alarm of fire brought the police and

fire department to the scene. Flash lights

were rigged up across the street and the

rays thrown on to the ruins. A cloud of

smoke enveloped the busiest night district

of the city, preventing the firemen and

police from working for some time.

The building was occupied on the ground

floor by two saloons. Adolph Drach's on

the left and Dr. Caldwell's on the right.

The upper floors were living rooms. The

building was twenty-five feet front and

ran back sixty feet.

The explosion tore the entire structure

from the adjoining buildings on

either side as neatly as if it could have

been accomplished by workmen. All that is

now left is a mass of brick, mortar and

torn timber, over which the roof rests in

Walnut and Fourth streets and Fountain

and Government squares.

The expense pending the doubt as to the

number of people killed and who they are,

is something awful.

Covington's Mayor May Be Killed.

A report is in circulation that Joseph

Rhinoek, mayor of Covington, is among

the killed, and although he has not yet

been accounted for, the report is not con-

firmed.

The explosion occurred at a time in the

evening when people were going in and

out of the building. There were many

people in the bar and it was said, soon

after the explosion, by men who had been

loading in the neighborhood, that a number

of women and their escorts had just en-

tered. They were probably in the wine

rooms in the rear of the bar. The street

was well filled with pedestrians, and it is

almost certain that many of them were

fatally injured.

Standing almost in front of the building,

when the explosion occurred, was a New-

port and Covington car. It was completely

crushed and its passengers were more or

less severely injured. Conductor Pollard

and Motorman Stofel were cut and bruised.

Pollard said that the son of Captain

Ayres, of Newport, had just alighted from

the car and started toward the sidewalk.

The conductor said that he did not see

young Ayres after the explosion, and be-

lieved that he was buried under the falling

walls.

It Was a Weak Building.

The building was a flimsy structure

and not calculated to stand a heavy strain.

It had no independent side walls, the raft-

ers for the different floors being supported

by the walls of the buildings on either

side. When the crash came these timbers

were torn from their moorings and crashed

downward. Neither of the side walls,

which supported these floors, was materi-

ally injured.

The roof was supported by these same

walls. It too fell through, covering the

mass of dead and injured and drowning ac-

cres agencies that will ever remain untold.

On the top floor, over the Fey saloon, on

the north side were still hanging, after the

explosion and crash, pictures of those

whose forms lay below in the ruins.

A Groom of Two Months.

R. A. Davis, who was killed in the crush,

was a well-known young lady of Newport,

who is now in Asheville, N. C.

A brother of Fireman John McCarthy was

located at 1035, through a hole that respec-

tively had bored through the debris. He was

pinned under a heavy beam and begged the

men above to kill him and end his misery.

He said that there were three other men

near him, one of them alive.

The Babe Was Spared.

Mrs. Adolph Drach and two servants.

Louis Fey, wife, child and two servants.

Numbers of others at the time unknown.

The injured:

H. E. Runwick bookkeeper, 15 East Sev-

enth street.

Joseph Spriggs, colored, porter, 19 Har-

rison.

S. Wells, clerk, 46 Harrison avenue.

Sidney W. Johnson, bookkeeper, Sev-

enth and Culver streets.

W. D. Crisby, paper hanger, 2306 Park

avenue.

William E. Cook, clerk at waterworks,

Union and 14th avenue, Avondale.

L. L. Ward, race horse man, Toledo,

stopping at the Gibson house.

Barbara Huddell, domestic at Louis

Fey's.

John McCarthy, of Cincinnati Wharf

Company.

Pete Burns.

Charles Spillo.

Chief of Police Pugh, of Covington, Ky.

Of the injured it is believed several will

die.

Various estimates are made upon the loss

of life, all of them more or less vague,

because of the fact that the work of ex-

humming the bodies is necessarily slow. It

is almost certain that at least twenty per-

sons were killed. A fair estimate places

the number caught in the falling walls

at from sixty to seventy-five. At least

twenty-five people, and perhaps more, the

exact number may never be known, were

mangled, crushed, burned and scalded

to death.

Among the injured was Chief of Police

Joseph Pugh, of Covington, Ky., who

reports a miraculous escape. He was just

in the act of entering the saloon, in fact

one foot was upon the door sill when he

was startled by the flash of a burning

electric wire overhead. He sprang back-

ward, when almost simultaneously the ex-

plosion occurred and he felt the ground

leave his feet. He was blown almost into

the middle of the street.

New port car which was near the

place met with a remarkable experience. It

was suddenly brought to a standstill by

a fearful shock and an immense mass

came crashing through the roof. This

proved upon examination to be an iron

door from the saloon in the building which

by some strange freak of the explosion,

had been blown through the falling debris

and up into the air. A man named John

Neibel, of this city, had just left the spot

where the door fell and walked back to a

rest of the platform. No one was hurt.

A brown street car was smashed almost

to fragments. There were fortunately no

passengers on board, and the conductor

and the motorman escaped with slight

injuries.

FREE COINAGE  
HAS A BIG DAYDavidson County's Action Gives Tennessee  
to the Silver Ranks.

VIRGINIA MAY GO THAT WAY

Tennessee's Delegation Will Be Solid  
for Free Coinage.

FLORIDA SHOWS THE SAME INCLINATION

In South Carolina Richland County  
Selected Delegates to the State  
Convention.

Nashville, Tenn., May 4.—A primary

election was held in this Davidson county

today for delegates to the state convention.

The full democratic strength was polled,

the votes running up in the neighborhood

of 5,000. Free coinage won the day over-

whelmingly. In many wards and districts

the gold men made no contest. Every

one of the 172 delegates elected is a free

coinage man. This absolutely assures a

solid free coinage delegation from this

county to the national convention. The state

convention will meet here Thursday.

SILVER IN OHIO.

The Democrats of That State Sticking  
to the Democratic Platform.

Cincinnati, May 4.—At the annual May

convention of the Licking county demo-

cratic house, the silver men were over-

whelmingly in the majority. Licking is one

of the democratic strongholds. Judge Samuel

Hunter was chairman of the meeting.

Strong silver resolutions demanding "the

free and unlimited coinage of both gold

and silver upon the ratio of 16 to 1, with-

out waiting for the consent or approval

of any foreign government," and "re-

manding that all money either coined or

issued by the government have legal

tender qualities," and instructing the state

delegates to vote for a free coinage plank,

were adopted by a vote of 209 to 154.

The Democratic convention at Green-

ville was the largest and most representa-

tive convention the county has ever wit-

nessed. The platform adopted is for "the

free and unlimited coinage of both silver

and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, even in

the absence of a like action or coopera-

tion with any other nation. Delegates ap-

pointed today to state and district con-

ventions are instructed to favor the adoption

of resolutions embodying these principles,

and to vote for no man for representative

who is not a free coinage man." The

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The delegates from Isle of Wight so un-

structed. The other counties declared for

free coinage and Gloucester alone failed to

favor the unit rule.

Florida Wants Free Coinage.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—The democrats

of Jacksonville county selected delegates to

the state convention today. They were in-

structed for the free coinage of silver at

16 to 1, independent of the action of the

United States Senate. Call was indorsed.

CHAIRMAN HARRITY CALLS

The Subcommittee of the Democratic

National Committee To Meet.

Philadelphia, May 4.—National Chairman

William F. Harritt has called a meeting

of the subcommittee of the democratic

national committee to be held at the Hotel

Wellington, Chicago, on Friday next, May

8th, at 12 o'clock noon.

HE SAW A BODY MOVED.

Trustee on the Stand in the Pearl

Bryan Case.

Cincinnati, May 4.—The most interesting

testimony in the Jackson trial this morn-

ing was that given by William R. Truste,

of Urbana, Ill. Truste was formerly a

fireman on the Cincinnati Southern

railroad and lived at Kings Mountain, and

said he was in Cincinnati on January 21st

and met a woman on Sixth street that

night. They walked together to a house

on George street, near Plum.

Truste saw the house, standing on the corner,

and saw the woman, who was with an

umbrella. He followed up to the door

of the house. While standing at the front

door he saw a man go into the house

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night passed resolutions indorsing the

strike, and the affair may result in a gen-

eral tie up of all interests in which

union labor is employed. The strike is

looked upon as a serious matter in labor

circles and developments are eagerly

awaited.

REMEMBERED AFTER DEATH.











































